

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 557 - HB 1291**

March 7, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Removes the Alcoholic Beverage Commission's (ABC) authorization to enforce Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-417(g), violations involving schedule VI controlled substances classified as marijuana.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Recurring funding estimated to be \$130,000 per year will remain with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, rather than being submitted to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, to cover expenditures associated with certain controlled substance violations.**

Assumptions:

- ABC currently participates in the Governor's Taskforce on Marijuana Eradication (Taskforce).
- According to the ABC, funds are currently transferred from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) for reimbursement of expenditures incurred related to enforcement of controlled substances violations.
- Based on information provided by ABC, the reimbursement amounts were \$242,055 in FY14-15 and \$136,996 in FY15-16.
- Removing ABC's authorization will result in the discontinuance of funds being transferred from the TBI to the ABC to cover such expenses. These recurring amounts are reasonably estimated to exceed \$130,000 annually.
- It is assumed that TBI will begin enforcing the controlled substances violations under the provisions of this bill that are currently enforced by the ABC as a result of the TBI retaining the funding associated with the enforcement expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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